

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

sub 1 1. A composite cord having a $1 \times n$ construction (n is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from 50°C to 200°C twisted together.

2. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the metallic filament has a diameter of from 0.15 mm to 0.45 mm.

3. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is selected from polyethylene fiber and polypropylene fiber.

sub 02 4. A pneumatic tire employing for its reinforcing element a composite cord having a $1 \times n$ construction (n is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from 50°C to 200°C twisted together.

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